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FROM: JCRC-LNB 27 December 1984

Commander, JCRC

Sighting of American POWs Held in Thanh Tri Prison

A. Amembassy Kuala Lumpur Msg, DTG 110739Z October 1984

B. DIA/DC-2 Msg, DTG 311445Z October 1984

Source:

a. Name:

SC b. DOB:

SC c. POB:

d. Former position: Commando SD

e. Present location: SD

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f. Identification data:

DOI: April 1967 - July 1968

h. Map used: 1:50,000, Series L7014, Sheet 6150-1

Date of interview: 12 November 1984

Name of interviewer: AN

k. Other: Source departed Vietnam on 8 April 1984. His last address

Tan Binh District, in Vietnam was

who resettled DATA HCMC. He has a brother,

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Source provides first hand information concerning American POWs held at the Thanh Tri Prison from April 1967 until July 1968.

Information:

The following information was related by Source to interviewer as fact. On 23 September 1966, Source was DATA

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On 24 September 1966, Source was captured by DATT the North Vietnamese. In December 1966, Source was taken to the Thanh Tri (aka Thanh Liet) Prison, vicinity WJ 8517, where he was held until July

1968, when he was moved to Lao Cai.

Source claimed that in April 1967, he first heard of Americans being held in the prison. As he remembers, there were at least 10 Americans held there in all four blocks, A, B, C and D. Source never spoke to any of them or met them. Source does not understand English and had no chance to listen to them conversing with each other. During this time, Source

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was confined in building 3 of Bloc B. On one occasion, Source personally saw three Americans walking down the aisle of Bldg 3 on their way to bathe when the guards failed to close his door in time, allowing the glimpse. Source could only recall that of the three Americans, one was very big and tall, one was very short and the third was of average height but was very slender. None of the three were wounded. Source never heard any information from other inmates or guards concerning the Americans. When Source was moved to a prison in Lao Cai in July 1968, the Americans were still at Thanh Liet.

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JCRC Liaison Officer

Inclosure (1)
Hand Drawn Memory Sketch of the Thanh Tri Prison

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